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1. In 1952 Poland began to construct three or four copper refineries in order to conserve free dollars and gain industrial self-sufficiency. One of these copper refineries was to have become operative in the first half of 1955. Since all refineries were to have become operative by August 1956, Poland would no longer need to buy electrolytic copper in the West but would be content with blister copper. 25X1
2. Wacław Bugajski, General Manager of Impermetall¹, Warsaw, who is at present concerned with the procuring of equipment, machines, and raw materials for Poland's capital goods industries, set up the firm Hellux¹ to facilitate the purchase of blister copper. Hellux was or is managed by an ex-Bulgarian, Fogel (fnu). In late 1953 and early 1954 Bugajski was negotiating for the annual purchase by Poland of 8,000 tons of blister copper. 25X1 25X1 25X1
3. Bugajski also had orders to procure from 4,000 to 5,000 metric tons of aluminum to be used for making pots and pans for Polish housewives as part of the then current plan for emphasis on consumer goods. 25X1
4. Deposits of copper ore had been discovered in Poland early in 1954 and plans were to have been drafted for the development of these mines. Progress, however, was slow in the exploitation of the mines due to the difficulties of obtaining essential equipment and machinery. 25X1

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